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In re the Application of:

Application No.: 10/524,295 Examiner: not yet assigned

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For: METHOD FOR SCREENING THE ALLELIC STATE AT THE 5'-FLANKING

REGION OF THE αS1 CASEIN GENE (as amended)

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

Amendments to the specification are submitted on page 2.

Remarks are submitted on page.